



DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Course Name: **WMD Sampling and Evidence Collection**
(Technician Level)

Course Code: **04-02 WMDSEC** Date: **September 24th - 26th (3 days)**

Location: **Emergency Services Training and Operations Center (ETOC)**
3359 Broadway Ave. • Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Time: **8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Course Description: This course is designed to teach effective, consistent, and practical procedures necessary in surveying and sampling for biological incidents. These procedures will teach consistent, protocol-driven processes that will guide responders and investigators (law enforcement/justice, public health, and animal health) as they manage the event. Students will learn uniform sample/specimen handling (chain-of-custody), analysis, and reporting. The procedures demonstrate rationale designs based on fundamental understanding of the biology of the agents and their persistence in the environment, coupled with sound forensic practices that are consistent with established law enforcement investigative processes. Applicable standards and regulations outlining the core competencies at the Technician Level for emergency responders are used in modifying and delivering this course.

Target Audience: Hazardous Materials Technicians • Crime Scene Specialists • Public Health Emergency Response

Prerequisite: **Participants must be certified HazMat Technicians and must have successfully completed a WMD Operations Performance Level A training course.**

Course Length: 32 hours

Certificate: DHS/LSU National Center for Biomedical Research and Training certificate.

Cost: All training and course materials are *free*.

*To Register: Please complete the online **Registration Form** available at <http://www.erie.gov> under the "Recent Updates" section. Print and fax completed forms to 716-858-7937, attn: ODP Training. If you have any questions, please direct them to the email address listed below.

MUST REGISTER BY 8/20/2004